

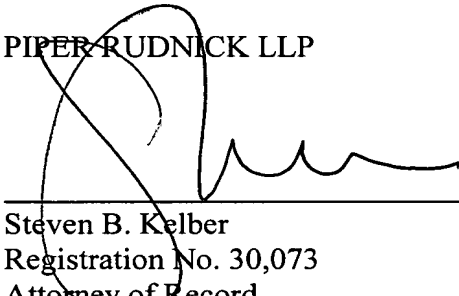
**REMARKS**

Responsive to the notification dated June 28, 2004, Applicants have reformatted the Specification in compliance with 37 CFR 1.52, 1.121(b)(3), and 1.125 by increasing the line spacing.

Applicants submit that the application is now in condition for examination on the merits. Early notification of such action is earnestly solicited. Should the Examiner have any suggestions to place the application in even better condition for allowance, Applicants request that the Examiner contact the undersigned representative at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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